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SUBJECT: PL 480 FUNDS FOR AIPS

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- 1. EMBASSY DEEMS IT IMPORTANT THAT DEPARTMENT AWARE LATEST DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING AIPS IN LIGHT YOUR UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH RALPH DRAIBANTI AND HAFEEZ MALIK NOVEMBER 30.
- 2. GOP FIN/ECON SECRETARY GENERAL KAZI AND EAD JOINT SECRETARY MIK KHALIL TELEPHONED AID DIRECTOR AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RESPECTIVELY CONCERNING LETTER SENT FINANCE MINISTER MUBASHIR HASAN BY BRAIBANTI. IMPRESSION GAINED HERE THAT LETTER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BRAIBANTI AND MALIK FEEL GOP HAS NOT MOVED EXPEDITIOUSLY, OR BEEN SUPPORTIVE ENOUGH ON AIPS MATTER.
- 3. KAZI ASKED AID DIRECTOR EXPRESS TO DEPARTMENT GOP VIEWS ON MATTER. HE STRESSED THAT GOP: (1) FULLY SUPPORTS AND IS DESIROUS AIPS PROGRAM APPROVAL FROM US SIDE; (2) HAS BUDGETED RS. 500,000 FOR AIPS; (3) HAS NO OBJECTION TO US EDUCATION FOUNDATION PAKISTAN ACTING AS FOCAL POINT FOR AIPS IN PAKISTAN; AND (4) WOULD APPRECIATE US APPROVING RS. 500,000 IN SFC AS CONTRIBUTION AIPS PROGRAM. THESE VIEWS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED TO DEPARTMENT.

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4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR LATER INFORMALLY DISCUSSED

PROGRAM WITH JOINT SECRETARY KHALIL GIVING HIM IN ESSENCE GIST DEPARTMENT'S 212131 STRESSING OUR AND DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN FOR NEED HAVE AMERICAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR AIPS BEFORE DEPARTMENT CAN CONSIDER DECISION TO SUPPORT AIPS. BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON SOME OF TECHNICALITIES MENTIONED IN PARA 3 REFTEL (B). KHALIL STATED THIS POSITION OUGHT TO BE EXPLAINED TO THE QUOTE DECISION MAKERS IN THE GOP UNQUOTE.

- 5. MISSION HAS ASSURED SECGEN KAZI AND JT. SECRETARY KHALIL THAT THEIR VIEWS WILL BE RELAYED DEPARTMENT AND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BRIEF GOP ON STATUS OF WHOLE PROJECT AFTER DEPARTMENT'S MEETING WITH BRAIBANTI AND MALIK.
- 6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COMPLETE RUNDOWN BY TELEGRAM RESULTS NOVEMBER 30 MEETING WITH SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT CAN BE OFFICIALLY RELAYED TO GOP MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND FINANCE. DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE THIS PROJECT PERSONALLY SUPPORTED BY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND NOW FINANCE MINISTER.
- 7. EMBASSY POSITION REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (A). BYROADE

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